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1. ISRAELI OPERATION IN UGANDA: MEDIA CONTINUE TO GIVE CONSIDERABLE PLAY TO OPERATION WHICH RESCUED AIR FRANCE PLANE HOSTAGES FROM KAMPALA AIRPORT. "O SEculo" JULY 5 HEADLINE, "U.S. SATISFIED WITH RECOVERY OF HOSTAGES," TOPS JERUSALEM-DATELINED ARTICLE REPORTING PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN. COLUMN BY MANUEL RODRIGUES IN JULY 5 "O DIA" SAID: "AT A MOMENT WHEN EVERYTHING WAS GOING BADLY FOR ISRAEL, WE SUDDENLY WERE REMINDED THAT THE SMALL ZIONIST STATE, DESPITE ALL, HAS RESERVES OF COURAGE, INVENTIVENESS AND RESOLUTION MUCH BEYOND THE ORDINARY.... THE INCIDENT NOW WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND THERE WILL BE STRONG CHARGES AGAINST ISRAEL. BUT WORLD PUBLIC OPINION CANNOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THIS MOVE SAVED INNOCENT LIVES FROM THE TERRORISTS' CRIMINAL IRE, AND THAT THIS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING ELSE."

2. PUERTO RICO SUMMIT: WEEKLY INDEPENDENT LIBERAL "EXPRESSO" NEWSPAPER OF JULY 3 SAID THAT AT MEETING U.S. FAILED TO MANEUVER OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES INTO MOVES TO OUTFLANK "THIRD WORLD": "GERALD FORD...SOUGHT IN VAIN TO GET HIS SUPPOSED ALLIES TO JOIN IN AN EFFORT TO IMPOSE RULES

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ON A GAME THAT ALREADY WAS LOST. THIS BECAUSE OECD COUNTRIES

ARE RUNNING, EACH IN ITS OWN WAY, AFTER THE MARKETS OPENED BY THE THIRD WORLD."

3. FURTHER RE BICENTENNIAL: ALL MEDIA CARRIED NEWS ITEMS OVER WEEKEND ABOUT DEPARTURE OF NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF, VICE ADMIRAL SOUTO CRUZ, TO PARTICIPATE IN U.S. BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS -- ESPECIALLY "OPERATION SAIL." REPORTS MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD ALSO DECORATE CARDINAL HUMBERTO DE MEDIEIROS, IN BOSTON, AND WOULD ATTEND INTERNATIONAL SEAPOWERS SYMPOSIUM AND MAINTAIN NAVY CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON.
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